

## PERILOUS SEARCH FOR EVA

FIREMEN RISK THEIR LIVES TO GET HER FROM BIG SEWER.

Meanwhile she was snugly sleeping in her Brownsville home. And then little Reuben and little Simon are gently led home by their ears.

Reuben and Simon (Gelman), who are respectively 5 and 4 years old, climbed up the stairs to their mother's kitchen in the house where they live at 408 New Jersey avenue in Brownsville, Brooklyn, near 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and asked for some bread and butter with messagess on it.

"But where's your cousin Eva?" the mother asked.

"Oh, she fell down a deep hole back where we picked the wild flowers," Simon spoke up. "We couldn't get her out so we just came home."

Mrs. Gelman ran screaming into the street and implored a grocery boy to drive as fast as he could around to the home of Mrs. Samuel Leiberman at 316 West street and tell Mrs. Leiberman that her four-year-old Eva had met with some terrible accident. "Come quick," was the message. "Eva has fallen down a hole somewhere."

The grocery boy lashed his horse like mad and immediately Mrs. Gelman roused everybody in the neighborhood. Little Eva Leiberman, the child of her sister-in-law, who had been left to play with little Reuben and little Simon, while Mrs. Leiberman took her infant to a dispensary for medicine and treatment, had surely been killed. Would somebody tell a policeman and would somebody come with her, Mrs. Gelman pleaded, while she went and found that hole into which Eva had fallen.

Then she set out, dragging Reuben and Simon each by an arm. They must be the guides to the place where they had seen their cousin Eva fall into the hole. Neighbors followed. Policeman Charles Vose and Mounted Policeman McIntyre of the Liberty avenue station went along too.

The children led their mother and the first accumulating crowd fully a mile away from their home down into the Flatlands district. Here the houses of Brownsville fringe out into a marsh where there are great stretches of rank grass, trees and rotten ground. Only here and there a barn with an occasional hut, the rest of the territory is nearly a wilderness of damp heaps and stagnant water. A trunk sewer which runs down Louisiana avenue to its outlet in Jamaica Bay passes under the marsh. The sewer has a four-foot foot diameter and five feet of water between four and five feet of water and ooze in the channel.

The thoroughly scared children approached the place where Louisiana avenue is crossed by New Jersey avenue. They stopped here and the elder of them looked about him in a frenzy of indecision. Finally he pointed to an open manhole in the middle of the street.

"There's the big hole where Eva fell in," he said.

The two policemen took turns in leaning over the edge of the vault and trying to get out a child down in the burning vault of sunlight on the black ooze of the slow moving flood below. The gas from the vent caused them to gasp and retreat. They sent one of the crowd to a house a couple of blocks away to the edge of the marsh to fetch a step-ladder if such a thing was there. With the step-ladder came more of the curious crowd jammed about the open manhole bubbling with suggestions in a high tone of excitement.

Vose and McIntyre lowered the step-ladder into the hole until the ends of it struck the bottom of the sewer. Then each of them tried to descend. It took long below and the gases were overbearing.

One of the policemen went to the nearest police box and turned in a call to the Liberty avenue station for reserves. When he got back 37 on the telephone and told the firemen that there was immediate need of their presence with their apparatus out at the manhole on the marsh. The truck came and shortly afterward ambulances from St. Mary's and the Brooklyn hospital, which had been summoned in anticipation of circumstances such as this, arrived.

The men of the ladder truck brought their ladders. When they had threaded their way with the big ladder wagon over the marsh to where the crowd was standing the firemen dropped one of their ladders down the manhole and out. Daniel Wall, with a rope about his middle went down into the slimy darkness. He left the end of the ladder and began to wade through the water up to his armpits, holding his lantern high above his head.

Before a minute had passed the first man at the other end of the rope felt a sensation of feeble tugs. They pulled and their lantern came dripping up the ladder, his lantern extinguished and his face purple with suffocation. He was washed out and the ambulance doctors hurriedly attended to him. Soon he was on his feet and giving orders.

"Go up and down the line," he said, "and see if all the manholes and when the gas clears we'll try it again, here and at the other places."

The firemen, swinging their lanterns high, went through the dusk over the marshy places in the moor, followed by the firemen's orders. Then they returned and another of their number went down the ladder into the noisome cavern. When his climb had taken him to the top he got far before he had to come up to the surface.

At the bottom of the sewer was moving a mass of gas at a rate of four or five miles an hour. The firemen tried that with this current the child could not possibly be near the vent they first attempted unless her dress had caught on some projection in the brick wall and had thus held her against the flow of the stream. So they went to the next manhole a block away in the direction of the bay, opened that and dropped the ladder down. The crowd pressed

of the missing Eva had not come to the scene.

At this manhole as well as at the next and the next, which were tried in succession, the same things happened. One man went down the ladder first with a rope under his arms, another following with a lantern to stand at the foot of the ladder and light the way. The first would then strike out into the impenetrable darkness and the current, feeling the walls on either side and skimming the top of the water with his hand, expecting each second to strike the body of the missing child.

Men after men of them tried it. Some had to swim a few strokes in places where the water was too deep for wading. Each managed to go 100 feet or so to the right or left of the ladder and then was pulled back and to the surface fainting. Every man of the truck company went down into the sewer three or four times and was under the hands of the ambulance surgeons each time that he came to the surface. These are the men who did this thing: Lieut. Daniel Wall, Edward Mundy, William Jordan, Otto Neumouth, Lloyd Smith and John Carmichael. In all eight manholes were uncovered and eight explorations of the sewer beneath them were made, still no trace of the child.

While the work was going on at about 8:30 o'clock a rumor came to Capt. Mooney of the Liberty avenue station, in charge of the police reserves, that Eva was in her home near Broome street and that she was not drowned after all. The captain got into a buggy and made a dash for the Leiberman home. Mrs. Leiberman met him at the door.

"My little Eva? Sure, she's in bed. I found her in the Brownsville station two hours ago with her dear little hands full of wild flowers. I was so happy—oh, so happy, that I forgot to tell anybody that I'd found her."

Capt. Mooney went back to where the firemen were risking their lives in the sewer gas and reported what Mrs. Leiberman had told him. Then Trunk 37 went to its house and Mrs. Gelman went to hers, leading little Reuben and little Simon each by the ear.

## U. S. SUPREME COURT PLACES

The President Supposed to Have Discussed Coming Appointments at Luncheon.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 30. Discussion of President Taft's probable appointments to the Supreme Court was revived here when it was learned that the President took luncheon today at the home of Charles P. Searles near Ipswich with Associate Justice Holmes and United States Judges L. D. Clark, William L. Putnam and Francis C. Lowell of the First circuit.

The President has two Supreme Court vacancies to fill. One was created by the death of Chief Justice Fuller and the other will come about when Associate Justice William H. Moody makes formal announcement of his retirement under the recent act of Congress.

There is no doubt as to Mr. Moody's intention to quit the bench, although his health is said to be improving. The President announced at the time of the death of Chief Justice Fuller that he desired the advice and suggestions of reputable lawyers and Judges from all over the country. While no statement was made at the Executive offices that the Supreme Court vacancies were talked about at the luncheon today, it is believed here tonight that the subject did come up if only in an incidental way.

So far as friends of the President know he has not changed his mind as to the appointment of Judge Hughes to succeed Justice Fuller. The Governor has already been confirmed by the Senate as an Associate Justice succeeding the late Justice Brewer. The President, according to the present plan, will have to withdraw Mr. Hughes's name as Associate Justice and submit it again as Chief Justice.

There is little doubt that Mr. Taft is considering the name of Lloyd W. Bowers, Solicitor-General of the United States, for the other vacancy. Mr. Bowers is believed here to stand a better chance than any other man.

## MEIKEN COULDN'T GO.

Grisonm Kept His Democratic Partner Too Busy for Political Work.

While the Republican conferences were going on yesterday in Lloyd C. Grisonm's office some of the waiting reporters noticed that S. Stanwood Menken, partner of Mr. Grisonm, was hard at work on the firm's affairs, and they remembered that a meeting had been called for yesterday in Albany of the Democratic League. Mr. Menken was one of the organizers and one of the leaders of the league.

"Why, how is it that you are not up at the Albany conference to-day?" he was asked.

"Well, it's this way," Mr. Menken replied. "Since Grisonm got into this political game he has unloaded on me so much of his law work that I have had to let my law work for the reformation of the Democratic party go to smash."

## \$3,000 IN DIAMONDS STOLEN.

Mrs. Louis Kaufman of New York Robbed While Visiting Narragansett Pier.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, Aug. 30. The second diamond robbery of the season at Narragansett became known to-night when it was announced that Mrs. Louis Kaufman of New York was the victim of burglars while dining at the Casino last Saturday night.

Mrs. Kaufman was visiting Dr. and Mrs. Archibald G. Thomson of Philadelphia at Bass Rock Farms and accompanied her host and hostess to the Casino, where all were guests at a dinner party. Upon her return to Bass Rock Farms Mrs. Kaufman discovered that about \$3,000 worth of jewelry was missing from her chamber.

Among the missing valuables reported to the police are a diamond brooch, a diamond bracelet and a gold purse. No clues have been discovered.

Early in the season the home of Mrs. Irving H. Chase was entered by thieves who got several thousand dollars worth of jewelry.

## NO TAFT COMFORT IN KANSAS

REPUBLICANS INDORSE ONLY WHAT SUITS INSURGENTS.

Resolutions Declare That the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Law Is Not a Fulfillment of Platform Promise—Demand Further Revision—Some State Issues.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 30. The Republican party council to-day was overwhelmingly insurgent and the band wagon ran over Senator Curtis and others who sought an unqualified indorsement of President Taft.

The only indorsement the President got was an assurance that the Kansas Republicans would commend such acts as met with the approval of the Kansas insurgents.

William Allen White, under the direction of Senator Brewster, Victor Murdock and Gov. Stubbins, wrote that part of the platform which relates to national matters. Some of these national planks are:

"We pledge anew our loyalty to the Republican national platform of 1908 and bind ourselves to carry out its declarations, accepting the policy of protection as outlined in our party platform as the established policy of the nation and binding our members of Congress in that regard."

"We do not recognize the revision of the tariff of 1909 as a satisfactory fulfillment of the tariff pledge of the Republican platform, and we therefore pledge the people of Kansas that the Republican Senators and Congressmen from this State shall work and vote for legislation that will create an independent non-partisan tariff commission with ample power and sufficient appropriation to ascertain accurately the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, and after having obtained such information we hereby pledge our Republican Senators and Representatives immediately to fix the duties on the basis of this information."

"We pledge our Senators and Representatives to vote for a joint resolution that will promote the revision of the tariff one schedule at a time."

"We pledge our Republican members of the lower house of Congress to support and vote for a rule that will make the membership of the more important house committees elective instead of appointive."

"We demand the strictest enforcement of the anti-trust laws and pledge our Kansas Republican Congressional delegation to vote for a law providing for a jail sentence for willful violators of the anti-trust laws."

"While indorsing the amendments made to the interstate commerce law by the last session of Congress, we pledge our Senators and Representatives to vote for such further amendments to the interstate commerce law as will give power and money to the Interstate Commerce Commission to ascertain the physical valuation of the railways."

"We pledge our Kansas Republican Senators and Representatives to vote and work for effective laws that will prevent overcapitalization of corporations and will divert all moneys received for the sale of stocks and bonds to actual investments in construction or extension or betterment of property owned by the corporations, and we further pledge our Republican Congressional delegation to work for laws that will give the Interstate Commerce Commission authority over the issue of stocks and bonds of common carriers."

"We pledge our members of Congress to continue the policy of the Republican party, now firmly established, of caring for the soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion and for those who carried the flag of liberty to the oppressed of other lands."

The council also declared for a State public utilities law, the initiative and referendum, the recall, and a declaration convicting the second time for the violation of the State prohibitory liquor law.

After the council adjourned Senator Curtis was asked for a statement. "I have no statement now," he said. "I have not had time to study the platform. I voted against it; that ought to be sufficient comment."

"I could not be better satisfied with the Republican council," said Senator Brewster. "It puts the Kansas Republicans on record as being in line with the program of national legislation. The platform represents the people's ideas as shown in the primary vote."

## BUILDING A QUEER CRAFT.

Harlem Boating Parties Mystified by a Peculiar Vessel Under Construction.

Boating parties that have gathered here under construction in a shed at the foot of 212th street. What appears to be the stern projects from the river end of the shed. It is covered by a metallic hood, and not much can be seen of the hull, but a rudder below is plainly discernible. The boat, or whatever it is, is some of the neighboring residents say it is a hydroplane, others a hydroplane and aeroplane combined. has been constructed in secret. Signs on the doors and sides of the shed warn visitors that admittance is not allowed under any pretext whatsoever.

The owner of a houseboat lying at the foot of the street next to the shed, said yesterday that the queer craft was the production of a Dr. Albertson, who proposed to demonstrate with it a principle in speed or navigation discovered by himself. No work has been done on it for at least a month. The hull appears so far as it can be seen, to be complete, and some persons in the neighborhood say that the hull is waiting for its motor.

Dr. Albertson until recently had an office in the Marbridge Building, at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street, but he has moved out, and nobody there knows where to find him at present. The houseboat man said the doctor's lease of the shed will expire on September 1 and he would then have to take the queer craft out.

## ROBBERY STOCK CERTIFICATES

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## BALLOON OR BIPLANE.

2,000 Madison Square Spectators Sure They Saw Something Flying.

Something seemed to be flying over Madison Square last night and a big crowd watched it. No one knew just what it was, but most folks said it looked like a biplane. There was a light on it, but there was no accompanying chug chug and no noise of a whirling propeller.

Some of those who said they saw the thing and one was the policeman on the beat, were sure that it had two lights, a red one and a green one, and that it was flying like the wind.

"Why, yes, I saw it," said the policeman, "and it stayed around up there (pointing toward the top of the Metropolitan tower) for a quarter to a half of 10 o'clock. I never saw anything like it and the stunts it did. It circled about the tower, flew over toward the Flatiron building, scooted northeast in the direction of Diana on top of Madison Square Garden and then floated off toward the southeast."

"Where did it come from? I am sure I don't know, but there were a couple of thousand persons here rubbing it. Certainly had wings."

Experts said that there wasn't an aeroplane in the neighborhood of New York available for flying and then it was suggested that a Jersey balloonist might have come over. But no one in Jersey knew anything about a balloon going up except a hot air balloon from an amusement park.

Nevertheless the Madison Square spectators said that there was something in the air over Manhattan last night.

GARDEN CITY, L. I., Aug. 30. At the aviation field and at the Aero Club it was said at midnight that no machine from either place had been up after dark. There was no machine or any driver at present at either place capable of flying to New York and back, especially in the dark.

There has been for some time a whisper of a machine being built on Long Island by a charveland flight which would be able to make the flight, and stories of night flights have reached the aviation field.

## RAJAH CHOKED TO DEATH.

Handsome, but Violent Tiger of Bronx Zoo Was Gift From C. T. Barnes.

Rajah, the big tiger of the Bronx zoo, paced restlessly back and forth in his cage in the lion house at feeding time yesterday afternoon waiting for keepers Schwarz and Grove to bring him his dinner. The nearer they came the more impatient he got, for he was very hungry. Finally it was his turn and Rajah stood there looking at the keepers. Schwarz selected the largest chunk of meat in the basket and tossed it down the bars.

The tiger began to gnaw at the meat, gulping it down in great bites. Before the keepers had passed on to the adjoining cage and before they had time to realize that anything was wrong Rajah had choked to death. He gasped for a few seconds, struggled a little and then lay still.

Schwarz and his partner made mighty sure that the beast was dead before they ventured into the cage too, for Rajah had the reputation of being one of the ugliest tigers in the country, although one of the finest. One of the other keepers suggested last night that Rajah had choked to death. It was the throat trouble that killed him. Dr. W. Reid Blair, the veterinary of the zoo, will perform an autopsy to-day to find out.

Rajah was caught in India thirteen years ago when less than a year old by a Hagenbeck expedition. When Director Hornaday went to Europe in 1902 to buy a tiger for the Bronx Zoo he selected Rajah as the finest specimen in Europe and paid \$1,000 for him. The money was donated by the late Charles T. Barnes. What attracted Director Hornaday was the animal's massive head and shoulders. He weighed 300 pounds and was nine and a half feet long.

A mate was obtained for Rajah at the same time, but he mauled her and abused her so that it was necessary to separate them at the end of a year. Since that time Rajah had occupied solitary quarters. He was always admired, but he was never became a favorite because he was vicious and ugly.

Keeper Hornaday said last night that a male tiger was ordered from agents in Siberia nine months ago. Men who were sent out into the estate of the count, expected here within the next three weeks. The Siberian tigers, said Mr. Hornaday, are the largest of all. The new arrival will occupy Rajah's cage.

## MOTOR BOAT LOST ITS TOW.

It Was Dorothy, and the Skipper and She Were Picked Up by a Steamboat.

The steamboat Little Silver on her way to Long Branch yesterday forenoon picked up in the lower bay just below the Narrows two youngsters, a boy and a girl, who were in need of help.

Tracy Scudder of St. George, Staten Island, had taken out in his motor boat Dorothy Parker and her aunt, Dorothy, who was in a bathing suit and doesn't know how to swim, got overboard and was being towed by the launch when the wash from a passing steamboat broke her hold on the line. Young Scudder went overboard after her and the girl's aunt threw them a life buoy. The boat drifted away and the youngsters in the water were swept downward on the outgoing tide.

The Little Silver after picking them up took them along to the Highlands, and from there they telephoned that they were safe. The aunt in the motorboat drifted ashore and was at the Battery with dry clothing for them when the Little Silver came up.

## FLY IN WIND OVER WATER.

Exciting Day's Close to the Aviation Meeting at Havre.

SPRINT CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. PARIS, Aug. 30.—The last day of the Havre aviation meeting was devoted to flights across the estuary of the Seine to Trouville.

The wind was strong enough to make it difficult for the spectators to retain their hats. The sea was running high. Latham crossed and returned thrice, occupying 1 hour 23 minutes in covering eighty-one miles. Moreno, Leblanc, Aubrin, La Dougne and Vincennes each made a double journey twice.

Three hours at West Point. Heart of Highlands. DAY LINE one day outfit.—Ad-3

## FIRE AGAIN IN EUCLID HALL

STARTS FOR THIRD TIME IN MENDELSON APARTMENT.

Mrs. Pauline Strong Discovers It, as She Did Others—Superintendent Saves Silk Merchant's Son—Many Tenants Routed Out in Their Nightclothes.

The third fire within three months occurred just before 10 o'clock last night in the apartment of Henry Mendelson on the fourth floor of the Euclid hall apartment house, at Eighty-fifth street and Broadway. Mendelson, who is an importer, and his wife were at the theatre at the time, and only his son, William, and a maid were in the apartment.

Mrs. Pauline Strong, who lives in the apartment above the Mendelsons and discovered the two other fires, smelled smoke as she was going to bed last night and at once telephoned to the superintendent of the building, Thomas Groark, who got up to the fourth floor as quickly as he could and rapped violently on the door of the Mendelson apartment. Without losing any time he grabbed down the axe which was hanging in the hall and broke open the door.

The fire was in a small bedroom at the end of the hall and was blazing along the walls pouring out suffocating smoke when Groark got there. William Mendelson, who was sleeping in a distant room, was awakened by the noise the superintendent made breaking open the hall door and was calling out for help. He was bewildered by the smoke and didn't know quite how to get out.

Groark called to him to follow the sound of his voice. The young man groped his way along the hall until he reached the door. The maid was directed to safety in the same manner. William told Groark that his mother and father were asleep in one of the back bedrooms. He wanted to go back to them. Groark said he would help them out.

Flames were by this time eating out from the bedroom into the hallway and it was a ticklish job to get by. The superintendent crawled along on his hands and knees in the hallway past the door to the rear of the apartment. He was unable to find any one. In getting back to the outer hallway again his hair was badly singed and his face and hands were scorched.

In the meantime the bellboys had been called and formed a bucket brigade to fight the fire. Groark telephoned for the operator at the switchboard to send in a fire alarm. He realized that only one engine would come in response to it so he hurried down to the street and rang in an alarm from the box at Eighty-fourth street and Broadway.

The guests on the upper floors of the apartment house, most of whom were asleep, were awakened by the noise of the apparatus coming through the streets, and some of them became thoroughly alarmed and left their apartments. The elevator boy, Albert Eaton, stuck to his job and carried most of them down in the car. One woman wanted to take a trunk down the stairway with a bird cage in her hand. About one hundred guests congregated in the hallway of the apartment house on the first floor, most of them in nightclothes. The fire was put out with about \$4,000 damage to the Mendelson apartment. Three rooms were burned out.

The apartment of Richard Sarrelly on the fourth floor was partly ruined by water. Mrs. Strong's apartment on the fifth was damaged by smoke.

In the course of the fire Mr. Mendelson and his wife returned from the theatre. He said that the fire was caused by defective insulation, but the superintendent, Groark, said that it had started evidently in the furniture of the bedroom and not in the walls.

## AS TO MRS. FLOWER'S ESTATE.

Will Not Yet Be Proved, but Doctor Hears He's to Receive \$50,000.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 30. The will of the late Mrs. Sarah Flower, widow of Rev. Dr. P. Flower, who died last week leaving an estate of several millions, has not yet been offered for probate. One in position to know says that Mrs. Flower left the greater part of her estate to her daughter, but admits that a number of the servants and employees to whom she had become attached are well remembered. Dr. Murray M. Adams, for twenty years the family physician, has been informed that the will contains a bequest to him of \$50,000.

Dr. Adams was a youthful companion of the only son of the Flowers, the late Henry Keep Flower, to whose memory the Governor and his wife founded and dedicated an Episcopal school. Dr. Adams had long drawn an annual stipend of \$5,000 and had received other gifts.

## BATTERMAN'S FOR LOEH.

One Merchant Who Approves of the Way Duties Are Collected.

Henry Batterman, a Brooklyn merchant, came back on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. after passing some time at Bad Nauheim, and said that everything in Germany was prosperous when he left. Mr. Batterman said that he wanted to compliment Collector Loeh on the thoroughness with which the customs duties are being collected.

"It is only just to us merchants who pay duty," said Mr. Batterman, "that persons who buy things on the other side should have to pay the legal duty on them when they get back home."

## 800,000 ASK MERCY FOR MORSE.

Petition Gains the Names of Many in Omaha, Including Mayor Dahlman.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 30.—N. D. Jordan of Kansas City is in Omaha to get signatures to a monster petition asking the President to pardon Charles W. Morse. Jordan says that more than 800,000 names have been obtained since the movement began.

It is the intention to secure an even million signatures.

Mr. Jordan got the names of 426 Omaha men this morning. Mayor Dahlman's name being one of the first on the list.

Complete Stock Tables. The Wall Street edition of The Evening Sun contains all the financial news and the stock and bond quotations in the close of the market. The closing quotations, including the "bid" and "asked" prices, with additional news matter, are contained also in the night edition of The Evening Sun.—Ad-4.

## TRAIN LOST; WOMAN KILLED.

Belated Bath's Pajamas Taxicab Ride Ends in a Tragedy.

An unidentified woman about 35 years old was killed by a taxicab at Eighth avenue and Thirty-eighth street shortly before 12 o'clock last night. Michael Dillon, a wholesale liquor dealer of 80 Amsterdam avenue, was on his way from the Murray Hill Baths to catch a midnight train for Philadelphia. The driver of the taxicab, Edward L. Bennett, who owns the machine, was doing the best he could within the law when the woman stepped in front of the vehicle.

Dillon didn't catch his train and had to get another, cab as Bennett was arrested. Dillon left the baths so hurriedly that he wore only his pajamas, a raincoat and a hat. The rest of his clothes were in a suitcase.

## WOMEN INSURE BALLOONERS.

Life and Accident Companies Do Not Like Risk of Aeronauts.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Aug. 30.—Sidney Drow of St. Louis, who had arranged for a series of qualifying flights in the balloon Pittsfield, his object being to get a license as a balloon pilot, has written to the Pittsfield Aero Club that he will not make the flights.

He carries large insurance and life and accident companies have threatened to cancel the policies if he takes up ballooning as a sport.

## SOLDIERS MAY BE SOCIALISTS.

Party Secretary So Decides After Finding That Many Are.

Edward F. Cassidy, general organizer of the Socialist party, wrote recently to J. Mahlen Barnes, national secretary, asking whether United States soldiers were eligible for membership in the party. "Secretary Barnes," he said last night, "looked through the constitution of the party carefully and finds that the army men cannot be legally excluded from the party. Groups of officers of the army stationed in the Philippines and a number of army officers in other places are already members of the party and are anxious for active cooperation with party members in general in promoting a national action among the men in the army for socialism. I regard the prospects of conversion of many army men to socialism as very bright."

## IMPROVING JOHN JAY PARK.

Playground and Other Features to Cost \$52,000. New Grass for Broadway.

Park Commissioner Stover announced yesterday that contracts had been let for improving John Jay Park and the upper part of the Boulevard. John Jay Park lies between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-eighth streets along the East River. It has been improved and the boys have used it for a ball ground. There are now to be an athletic field, a playground and the other usual park features. The cost of improvement will be \$52,000.

Broadway is to be improved from 110th to 122d street. The central grass plots will be made over with new soil, trees are to be planted and an iron railing erected around each block. The work will cost \$50,000.

## FINDS A HUSBAND ABROAD.

Youthful Miss Bruenn Went Away to Study and Will Be Married.

Lieut. Bela Schwarcz of the Royal Guards of the Austro-Hungarian army came ashore from the Kaiser Wilhelm II. yesterday morning carrying under his arm a bundle of swords. On his face was a happy smile. The lieutenant has come over to get married to Miss Margaret Amelia Bruenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Bruenn of 200 West 112th street. Mr. Bruenn is the superintendent of a branch of one of the life insurance companies.

The bride-to-be, her family and several friends were on the pier to greet the traveler, and one of them said that this was a real genuine romance.

Miss Bruenn, who turned 16 only